Children's Hour

On Thursday evenings during Lent, from 7 to 8 o'clock the Children's Hour is being held in the Parish House, to which all children of the community and their parents are cordially invited. The attendance so far has been excellent. Addresses with lantern pictures are being given by the Rev. L. N. Caley, Rev. Mr. Lane, Mr. Beckford and others.

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Word of Greeting from Our Bishop

I am very much interested in the parish paper which the Rev. Mr. Lane is to publish as a help to his parish work, and of which this is the first issue. I commend it earnestly to the support of the people.

The two main ideals of parish life are: First, loyalty to the Church; and, second, brotherhood one with another. We must have both or the work will fail. This paper ought to help in both directions. The people ought especially to find it a real bond of union and in this way it ought to make their consciousness of brotherhood a more real and vital thing.

PHILIP M. RHINELANDER,
Bishop of Pennsylvania.

February 24, 1917.
S. Matthias' Day.

Choir Vestments

As a result of the musical entertainment so splendidly gotten up by Miss Martha McCreedy and the members of the Willing Hands' Guild, new vestments for the choir are assured, and it is expected that they will be completed in time for Easter.

Lenten Class

A Lenten Class for the study of the Church's work in the mission field, especially in Latin America, will be conducted by Mrs. A. H. Lane on Tuesday evenings during Lent, at eight o'clock. All are most cordially invited to attend this class.

Coal Fund

The offering for the Coal Fund, made on Sunday, February 18th, was most generous, totaling so far in the neighborhood of seventy dollars. It is our hope, however, that $100 may be raised towards this fund, and if there are any who have not contributed, we would be glad to receive their offering in envelopes provided for that purpose.

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Elmer James McCreedy.
Mary Feldkeller.
Anna Feldkeller.
Elizabeth Allen Lane.
Elmer Messerschmidt.
Loretta Josephine Chambers.
Frederick Erwin Speakman.

Marriages

Charlotte Fellman to William Henry Page.

Funerals

Mrs. Fanny Moore.
Gustave A. Kindmark.
Mrs. Jenny Woolston.
Joseph Smerhovsky.
Augustus G. Leidy.
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Weekdays—Children's afternoons, daily 3.30-5.30.
Mondays—Girls' Protective League, 8.00 P. M.

Date for Confirmation Changed to March 4th, at 10.30 A. M.

It is a matter of great regret to St. John's Church, that owing to the indisposition of Bishop Rhinelander he will be unable to keep his appointment for confirmation on Friday, March 9th, to which we had been looking forward with so much expectation.

The Bishop has asked Bishop Beecher, of Western Nebraska, to come to us for confirmation and he has set the date for March 4th, at 10.30. It is earnestly hoped that all the members of the parish will be present at this service. Bishop Beecher will also preach on this occasion and celebrate the Holy Communion.

Notes

Special Attention of Mothers and Children!

St. John's House will be open on weekdays from 3.30 until 5.30, beginning Monday, March 12th, for the children of St. John's and for all in the neighborhood. There is a large, airy room waiting for the children to come and use it. Bring your books with you and study your lessons. Some one will be there every afternoon who will be glad to help you with your spelling or anything else that is a bother. Did you ever go to a spelling bee? No? Come and see what it is like. There will be other things besides lessons. Once a week someone is coming to tell you stories, someone from the Free Library, which is providing this gift freely to us. Do you like to read? There are books to be taken out once a week. To tell you more would spoil all the surprises. Come and see what there'll be.

We hope the mothers of our children will find the weekday afternoons for children a help. So many times to have the children safely taken care of until suppertime gives a chance to finish some piece of work that is pressing. We hope that the children will come as many afternoons as their mothers are willing for them to come.

Special Preachers in March at the Evening Services

March 4th—Rev. H. M. Medary.
March 11th—Rev. H. C. McHenry.
March 18th—Rev. J. J. D. Hall.
March 25th—Rev. John Mockridge, D. D.

Parish Notes

Girls' Friendly Admission Service

On Sunday evening, March 4th, will be held a service of admission for the Girls' Friendly Society. At this service members and associates will be admitted. The Rev. H. M. Medary, Rector of the Memorial Church of the Advocate, will be the special preacher on this occasion.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Mr. Edward H. Bonsall, National President of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will address the meeting of our local chapter on Monday evening, March 5th, at 8 o'clock. It is hoped that every member will be present and bring another man with him.

The object of the Brotherhood is "to spread Christ's kingdom among men, especially young men." Let us make St. John's Chapter a strong body, keeping this object always in mind. To do this, we must have the hearty co-operation of all the men. Come with us.

The Brotherhood is endeavoring to increase the attendance at all the Church services. Won't you strive to attend at least one service on Sundays?

On this same evening we take great pleasure in welcoming the

Sextons' Association of the Diocese of Pennsylvania

Mr. Bonsall has also kindly consented to address their meeting, and later in the evening refreshments will be provided by the Willing Hands Guild, for members of both organizations.

A Letter From the Bishop

DEAR MR. LANE:—

I am happy to note in the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, that St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, has already met its apportionment for the year. I wish to congratulate you and your congregation on this excellent piece of work.

Faithfully yours,

March 12, 1917. P. M. RHINELANDER.

The Library

Owing to the co-operation of the Free Library of Philadelphia and some kind friends, a library for all the children of the community has been made possible. Our former parish library has been increased by a quantity of books by the Free Library, to be supplied weekly from the Kensington Branch, through the good offices of Miss Ada Hicks, who brought it about, and to whom our many thanks are due. Some have been given by friends, and others purchased, through the generosity of Miss Mary Coles. The library is open every Wednesday, from 3.30-5.30, and is free to all.

The Story Hour

The Free Library has also, at their own expense, provided for a Story Hour for the children on Mondays in March, at 4.15, and on the first three Thursdays in April, at the same hour. Mrs. Owen, who has now been with us twice, is a most delightful entertainer of the children, and they have expressed their interest by attending in large numbers. St. John's has a debt of gratitude to pay to Miss Julia Williamson, of the Free Library, for the great interest she has shown in our work and in the appointment of Mrs. Owen for the Story Hour.

Our Aim

In order that from this center the glorious light of our Lord Jesus Christ may shine forth, for He Himself said, "I am the light of the world," we are endeavoring to make St. John's Church and its Parish House,—please note that from now on we will call our Parish House *St. John's House,*—centers of spiritual growth and activity for this neighborhood. To proclaim Jesus Christ, to foster Christian democracy, to develop the right ideals, to provide means for wholesome recreation, to offer opportunities for acquiring knowledge, to foster better health, housing, and living conditions, to help make good homes, to stand for righteousness and social justice—all these and more are our aims. We cannot dissociate the work of the Church from the work of the members who compose the Church, and therefore if our ideal for St. John's as a force for Christianity, righteousness, and social welfare, in the community of the Northern Liberties is to be realized, the co-operation of every member and friend is needed. "Ye are the salt of the earth," says our Lord, by this He means *all* of His followers, not merely a few. May God grant that this parish with the totality of its members may be worthy of the confidence which He has reposed in us.

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Services in Holy Week and on Easter Day

Wednesday and Maundy Thursday, 8.00 P. M.
Good Friday, 10.30 A. M. and 8.00 P. M.

Easter Day:—
8.00 A. M., Holy Communion.
10.30 A. M., Holy Communion and Sermon.
3.00 P. M., Sunday School Carol Service.
7.45 P. M., Evening Prayer and Sermon.

PARISH PROGRESS is a venture of faith. We believe that a parish paper is an essential among us and that therefore PARISH PROGRESS is bound up with the progress of the parish. The amount necessary to print the paper for nine issues and send it to all on our parish mailing list will, it is hoped, be met by individual subscriptions. We have set the subscription price at the low rate of fifty cents in order that it may be within the reach of all, and we hope that all will heartily respond so that financially PARISH PROGRESS may be a success.

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Easter Communion

Easter, the Queen Feast of the Christian year, is a "holy day of obligation." On this day the Church bids all her members unite in the partaking of the Lord's Supper. There will be two celebrations of the Holy Communion, at 8.00 and at 10.30 A. M., and it is hoped that every communicant of the parish will make their communion at one or the other of these services.

Our Easter Offering

The other day I asked our Accounting Warden (to whom, by the way, all our thanks are due for the labor of love which he is performing daily in handling our parish finances), "How are things going in your department?" "Fine," he characteristically replied, "and what is more, I think that we will have a splendid Easter offering." "Well," I said, "how much do you think it will be?" "Oh," he replied, "easily three hundred dollars."

Brethren, why should it not be this amount, or even more? It can be done, and it only needs two things: First, *everyone contributing;* everyone saying, "I am going to make an offering at Easter." Second, *everyone contributing to the best of their ability;* everyone saying, "I am going to make my offering as large and generous as I can."

Let us determine that the Easter offering this year will be something of which we of St. John's will be glad. Let us make up our minds to do all in our power so that we may read with pride the amount when it is published in the next issue of PARISH PROGRESS, and feel that we have done our bit for the parish which we love so well.

Envelopes for the purpose are enclosed with this issue. These may be placed on the offertory plate at any service on Easter Day, or may be mailed to the Accounting Warden, Mr. LeRoy A. McDermott, St. John's Church, Brown and American Streets.

Parish Notes

Confirmation

On Sunday morning, March 4th, the Rt. Rev. G. A. Beecher visited the parish and administered the apostolic rite of confirmation. Those confirmed were Ruth Blanche Daly, Mrs. Marie Jennie Chambers, Miss Louisa Freda Erb, Miss Elizabeth Hahn, Miss Tillie Rose Hahn, Richard Dudley Koerner, Laura May McCreedy, Eleanor Marie Plumley and Rosalind Duiguid Roberts.

Play by the Girls' Friendly Society

An "Entertainment Dramatique" will be given by the Girls' Friendly Society on Tuesday evening, April 17, 1917, in St. John's House, for the benefit of the Church. Our own local branch of the G. F. S. will be assisted by the G. F. S. of Christ Church, Franklinville, who will give two sketches, and our own branch will give one sketch. A musical program will also be rendered. Tickets are twenty-five cents.

On Sunday evening, March 4th, Miss Gertrude Gale and Miss Edna Woolston were admitted as members of the Girls' Friendly Society.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

At the meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, on Monday evening, April 2d, Mr. Frank H. Longshore will be the speaker.

that S. John's Parish may aid in the good work which is being done to save the children of that devastated land from starvation.

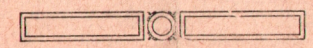
One hears a great deal about the relief work for the Belgians, especially at this particular time, about the work for the children, of whom there are about 1,250,000. Philadelphia has undertaken to support 600,000. This means the raising of $100,000 a month for six months, since it has been estimated that one child can be supported for one month for one dollar. The Commission for Relief in Belgium is doing noble work in feeding these people, but the regular ration allowed, which is one-half of the normal ration, while sufficient for adults is really not enough for growing children, since they need milk. As a result the children in increasing numbers are contracting tuberculosis and certain other childrens' diseases due to insufficient nourishment. So we are asked to give this extra meal to the children, what is known as the *one principal meal* of the day—*and this consists only of a cup of chocolate and a bun!*

The Commission for Relief in Belgium is an organization of which every American can feel proud. It is composed of two hundred young Americans, headed by Mr. Herbert Hoover, a mining engineer of international repute, who gave up his business interests voluntarily when the war broke out and has worked without compensation to feed the starving people of Belgium and Northern France, more than 10,000,000 having been fed in the last two years. Over $150,000,000 has been spent in the purchase of supplies, and of this amount this country has contributed only $10,000,000. France and England in addition to their own heavy war expenses have given far more than we.

Mr. Hoover is now asking the United States to contribute $1,250,000 a month. Shall he ask in vain? *There are no children living in Poland today under seven years of age.* Unless we do our duty, and do it quickly, this may soon be said of Belgium. Will you give as little or as much in proportion as God has given you? It is only a cup of chocolate and a bun, but it means the life of a child.

Second Confirmation Set for June 6th

Owing to the fact of the change of the date and for other reasons it was impossible for several persons who were ready and desirous to present themselves for Confirmation at the recent visitation in March. The Bishop of the Diocese has therefore been asked to grant St. John's a second date for Confirmation and this has been set for Wednesday evening, June 6th. It is hoped that Bishop Rhinelander himself will be able to be present. The class for instructions meets on Tuesday evenings, and any who wish to be confirmed will be most cordially welcomed.



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Church Feast Days in May and June

This year there are three Festival Days and Saints' Days in May and three in June. On May 1st we commemorate S. Philip and S. James, on June 11th, S. Barnabas, and on June 24th The Nativity of S. John Baptist. Of even more importance are the great Feasts of the Ascension on May 17th, of Whitsunday on May 27th and of Trinity Sunday on June 3d.

On Ascension Day there will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at 10 o'clock, with a brief address, and, though Ascension comes on a Thursday, yet it is hoped that there will be some who can so arrange their duties as to be present at the service.

Whitsunday, "the birthday of the Church," is what is known as a "Holy Day of Obligation," that is a day when all Christians are expected to come to the Lord's table. There will be a second celebration of the Holy Communion at the 10.30 service. In the evening, as announced elsewhere, there will be a Patriotic Service. On Trinity Sunday there will be the regular order of services, with a second celebration of the Holy Communion at 10.30, as is customary on the first Sunday of the month.

Strawberry Festival

On Tuesday evening, June 12th, the Willing Hands' Guild will hold its annual Strawberry Festival for the benefit of the Church. All are asked to note this date and to help in making it a success by their presence. Tickets will be twenty-five cents, and may be obtained from any of the members of the Guild.

Our Easter Offering

In the last issue of PARISH PROGRESS the sum of three hundred dollars was asked as our Easter offering. We wrote at that time that this amount *could* be raised and that all we needed to do was to make up our minds to do it. It is with great pleasure and gratitude that we announce in this issue that our Easter offering has not only reached the amount asked for, but exceeded it. The total being over three hundred and two dollars, of which the contribution of the parish was two hundred fifty-one dollars and eighty-seven cents and the Sunday School fifty dollars and sixty-four cents. Your attention is especially called to this offering of our Sunday School, and a deputation of teachers and scholars attended

The Presentation of the Sunday School Offering

at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday afternoon, April 29th, when the Church was crowded to overflowing by the representatives of the various Sunday Schools bringing their respective offerings for presentation. The total offering of the Sunday Schools of the Diocese for Missions to date is $38,048.95, which is $477 more than was given last year, and it is earnestly hoped that the amount will reach $39,000. Of our own $50, $45 was given to this fund for missions and $5 was later sent to the Treasurer in payment of our Sunday School pledge for St. Paul's College, Tokio, Japan.

Parish Notes

Girls' Friendly Society

On Tuesday evening, April 17th, the Girls' Friendly Society of Christ Church, Franklinville, presented two splendid and entertaining plays, entitled "The Superior Sex" and "The Minister's Wife," for the benefit of the Church. The attendance was excellent and the amount received very gratifying. Our many thanks are due to the members of the different casts of these plays, to those who contributed musical selections, and to Miss Elise C. Michael and the members of our own Girls' Friendly Branch for this very successful evening.

St. John's is also indebted to Miss Michael and to our local branch for the presentation to the Church on Easter Sunday of a new set of altar linens to be used at the Holy Communion.

Patriotic Service

At the evening service on Whitsunday, May 27th, we are planning to hold a patriotic service. The preacher on this occasion will be the Rev. C. H. Dickens, Chaplain of the United States Navy, stationed at League Island. All the members of the parish and their friends are asked to note this date and to make a special effort to be present. The offering at this service will be donated to the Belgium Relief Fund, so

their part in the service and defense of their country. Grant that they may cheerfully submit to necessary discipline and training; shield them amid the temptations that may threaten them; make them strong and of good courage to face the dangers that are before them; that in all things they may acquit themselves like men to their honor and their country's safety; for the sake of Him who suffered, died and rose again for us, Thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Choir

The choir, under the direction of Mr. Henry Middleton Wood, deserves credit for the excellent manner in which they rendered Stainer's "Crucifixion" on Wednesday evening April 4th. The Rector, Vestry and the Congregation take this opportunity to thank Mr. Wood and all those that assisted in making it a success, especially Mr. Maxlow, whose many friends helped our choir. The solo parts were ably taken care of by Mr. Vincent Teale, bass, and Mr. William Maxlow, tenor.

Mr. Lane is now at Fort Niagara, N. Y., at the Officers' Training Camp acting in the capacity of Chaplain. He will be with us next Sunday, June 10th, at all services, but will return to the Camp the early part of next week. Let all the congregation that can, come and give him our best wishes and encouragement to continue the good work with which he is connected.

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Activities in St. John's House

First and Third Mondays—Brotherhood of St. Andrew, 8.00 P. M.

Tuesdays—Candidates G. F. S., 4.00 P. M.

Tuesdays—Girls' Friendly Society, 8.00 P. M.

First Wednesdays—Willing Hands' Guild, 8.00 P. M.

Second Wednesdays—Vestry meeting, 8.00 P. M.

Wednesdays—Library Day, 3.30-5.30 P. M.

Wednesdays—Boy Scouts, 8.00 P. M.

Wednesdays—Junior Boys' Club, 8.00 P. M.

Thursdays—Young Men's Club, 8.00 P. M.

Fridays—Candidates G. F. S., 4.00 P. M.

Fridays—Choir Practice, 7.00 and 8.00 P. M.

Daily, Monday to Friday—Children's afternoons, 3.30-5.30 P. M.

Girls' Friendly Society

The Candidates Annual Service of the G. F. S. at St. Simeon's Church, on the afternoon of May 12th, was well attended. St. John's Branch had a good representation. The Senior Members' Club awarded prizes to the candidate sending the best piece of plain sewing, also for a composition on the principles of the G. F. S. Anna Zeeh, of St. John's Branch, received the first prize for the best piece of plain sewing and eight others were given certificates of honorable mention.

The meetings for the winter were closed with a supper at the Parish House, which the girls participated in with a great deal of pleasure.

The Neighborhood Playground

Through the kindness of the Vestry of St. John's Church it has been made possible for the Playground Association to open a neighborhood Center on a part of the Church property. This was first opened on May 24th under the direction of Miss Wheelock, of the Playground Association, who will be in charge. The large crowd of children, about 150, who visited the Playground that day gives the strongest evidence of the need that existed in the neighborhood for such a work. It is also hoped that the mothers of the neighborhood with young children will make use of this spot, where they may find a shady spot to rest during the oppressive heat of the summer. "May God add His blessing to this work."

Confirmation

The Bishop of the Diocese will visit the parish on Wednesday evening, June 6th, to administer the rite of Confirmation. It is hoped that a large congregation will be present to greet the Bishop.

During the absence of Mr. Lane, all calls for pastoral ministrations should be made at the Parish House or by telephone, Market 1913 W.

Rev. Dr. James Allan Montgomery will administer the sacraments during the absence of the Rector.

Bishop Rhinelander having issued the following prayers for use during the war, we feel that they should be here printed in order that the members of the parish may have them for personal use. We further urge their use and hope that they may be of value to all.

Prayer for Those in Authority

O God most high, who alone rulest in the kingdoms of men, grant we beseech Thee the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to Thy servant, Woodrow Wilson, our President, the members of his Cabinet and of the Congress. Endue them with prudence, fortitude, temperance, justice and spirit of a sound mind, that guided by eternal truth and right they may labor faithfully for the safety, honor and welfare of our country and the advancement of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Those in Training

O Lord our God, we ask Thy help and blessing for all those who have willingly offered themselves and are now being prepared to take